

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A program guide displaying apparatus comprising:

a program information obtaining device for obtaining
5 program information including information indicative of a program
name, a genre name, a start time, a length of a program or an end
time, a broadcasting channel and a broadcasting date of respective
one of a plurality of programs;

10 a setting device for setting a specific condition with respect
to at least one of a time and a channel of the program; and

15 a displaying device for displaying a first program table, in
which a plurality of program information for the programs are
displayed in a 2-dimension of a time axis and a channel axis, and a
second program table, in which the plurality of program information
for the programs are edited for each genre, such that a portion of
each program within the first program table and a portion of each
genre within the second program table are displayed in a common
display manner, which is differentiated for each genre, and that a
portion of each program, which satisfies the specific condition set by
20 said setting device is displayed in a display manner different from
that for a portion of each program, which does not satisfy the
specific condition set by said setting device.

25 2. A program guide displaying apparatus according to claim 1,
wherein said displaying device displays the first program table and
the second program table such that the portion of each program

within the first program table and the portion of each genre within the second program table are displayed with a same color for each genre.

5 3. A program guide displaying apparatus according to claim 1,
wherein said displaying device displays the first program table and
the second program table such that the portion of each program
within the first program table and the portion of each genre within
the second program table are displayed with a same pattern for each
genre.

10 4. A program guide displaying apparatus according to claim 1,
wherein said displaying device displays the first program table and
the second program table such that the portion of each program,
which satisfies the specific condition, is displayed with a color
different from that for the portion of each program, which does not
satisfy the specific condition.

15 5. A program guide displaying apparatus according to claim 1,
wherein said displaying device displays the first program table and
the second program table such that the portion of each program,
which satisfies the specific condition, is displayed with a pattern
different from that for the portion of each program, which does not
satisfy the specific condition.

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6. A program guide displaying apparatus according to claim 1,

wherein said displaying device displays the first program table and the second program table such that an overlapped portion of the portions displayed in different display manners from each other is displayed in a further different display manner.

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7. A program guide displaying method comprising:

a program information obtaining process of obtaining program information including information indicative of a program name, a genre name, a start time, a length of a program or an end time, a broadcasting channel and a broadcasting date of respective one of a plurality of programs;

a setting process of setting a specific condition with respect to at least one of a time and a channel of the program; and

a displaying process of displaying a first program table, in which a plurality of program information for the programs are displayed in a 2-dimension of a time axis and a channel axis, and a second program table, in which the plurality of program information for the programs are edited for each genre, such that a portion of each program within the first program table and a portion of each genre within the second program table are displayed in a common display manner, which is differentiated for each genre, and that a portion of each program, which satisfies the specific condition set by said setting process is displayed in a display manner different from that for a portion of each program, which does not satisfy the specific condition set by said setting process.

8. A program guide displaying method according to claim 7,
wherein said displaying process displays the first program table and
the second program table such that the portion of each program
within the first program table and the portion of each genre within
5 the second program table are displayed with a same color for each
genre.

9. A program guide displaying method according to claim 7,
wherein said displaying process displays the first program table and
10 the second program table such that the portion of each program
within the first program table and the portion of each genre within
the second program table are displayed with a same pattern for each
genre.

15 10. A program guide displaying method according to claim 7,
wherein said displaying process displays the first program table and
the second program table such that the portion of each program,
which satisfies the specific condition, is displayed with a color
different from that for the portion of each program, which does not
20 satisfy the specific condition.

11. A program guide displaying method according to claim 7,
wherein said displaying process displays the first program table and
the second program table such that the portion of each program,
25 which satisfies the specific condition, is displayed with a pattern
different from that for the portion of each program, which does not

satisfy the specific condition.

12. A program guide displaying method according to claim 7,
wherein said displaying process displays the first program table and
5 the second program table such that an overlapped portion of the
portions displayed in different display manners from each other is
displayed in a further different display manner.